7.	Islamabad (Pakistan) Phase II	Ambassador residence and residences for officers/staff members,
8.	Kathmandu (Nepal)	Chancery and residences for officers/staff members.
y.	Dar-es-salam (Tanzania)	Chancery, residences for officers and staff members.
10.	Beijing (China)	Chancery and residences for officers and staff members,
1	Warsaw (Poland)	Chancery and residences for officers and staff members.
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Sino-Iudian Border Talks

290. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether China has expressed a desire for raising the level of Sino-Indian border talks from official to political level; if so, what is India's response in this regard;

(b) whether Government are considering taking any initiative to finding out a solution of the border dispute, if So, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any move for his visit to Beijing and of the Chinese Foreign Minister to New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No such proposal has been made to the Government by the Chinese Government

(b) Apart from the talks between the two countries, there is no further initiat ive.

(c) No, Sir.

Ocean Development in India

291. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 414 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether existing policy of Government on Ocean Development envisages any J explorable ecoonmic gain for the country both on short-term as well as long-term basis;

(b) whether the volume of concentrat ions of useful minerals in already expl ored sea zones has been assessed during the last three years and any programme conceived for its exploitation in accord ance with the socio-economic needs of our country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government pro pose to do such exercise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) The major programmes of the Department of Ocean Development like survey and exploration of living and non-living resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone, survey and exploration of deep seabed for polymetallic nodules, Antarctic research and exploration of the renewable sources of energy from waves envisage considerable socio-economic gains for the country On a long term basis. Already, there have been tengible gains in the production and export of sea food and the exploitation of placer deposits for minerals such as, il-menite, monazite, rutile, etc.

(b) and (c) Although it has not yet been possible to make any accurate estimates of the concentration of many useful minerals in the sea, there are indications of the occurrence of phosphorite, manganese nodules, polymetallic sulphides and several other types of deposits in the sea. A time bound programme has been conce-

ived for the exploitation of nodules. It is estimated that the production of cpmmercially important metails like copper, nickel, cobalt and manganese will be possible on a commercial scale by 2008—2009 AD.

Central Administrative Tribunal

292. SHRI HAVENDRA SINGH HANS PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) which was set up about two and a half years back to speed up disposal of Central Government employee's service disputes is presently facing an in creased number of pending cases in its various benches;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be at on the 30th June, 1986; and

(c) the steps taken or proopsed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of cases pending before various benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal as on 30-6-88 is 23,639.

(c) Government have already decided to appoint more Vice-Chairmen and Members to the Central Administrative Tribunal. It has also been decided to open additional benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal at Jaipur and Lucknow with a view to facilitate speedy disposal of cases.

U. S. Military Aid to Pakistan

293. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GO WDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has the 'Indian Express' dated the 9th May, 1988 under the caption "I 240 million US Military aid for Pakistan";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) if so, the precautionary steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such press reports refer *to* a proposal of one of the Houses of the U.S. Congress It has not yet been enacted into legislation.

(c) Government are alert to all developments having a bearing on India's security.

Research on Low Weight of Infants at the Time of Birth due *to* Nuclear Radiation

294. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of detailed research work which established low weight in infants at the time of birth in the vicinity of commercial nuclear power stations in Wisconsin in USA; and

(b) whether any similar studies have been conducted in India and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No Sir.